

Students' Society's finances 'precarious'

by Bonnie Price

The Students' Society is in "a precarious financial position," said Students' Society President Paul Drager in an opening address at last night's meeting.

According to Drager, the auditors' calculations show that the Students' Society would be left with \$11,950 in the bank if the proposed faculty grants, original Daily budget, cafeteria subsidy, and day care budget were passed.

The Students' Society needs \$100,000 in the bank as a "cushion of capital," said Drager. The Society presently has \$105,000 remaining of its \$480,000 annual budget.

Drager said that among other reasons, the financial problems are a result of student fees remaining the same since 1964 — "needless to say, inflation has taken its toll." According to Drager, Council is hampered in dealing with financial affairs because it is difficult for the executive and councillors to become acquainted with all financial "ramifications" when Council changes hands annually.

Drager said that radical measures are needed to forestall a financial crisis. He proposed these solutions: (1) construction of the proposed pub be postponed until next year "when there is adequate capital to back it up;" (2) all meal allowances for clubs and individuals, including the executive, be revoked; (3) clubs and societies will no longer be permitted to incur deficits over those allotted for in present budgets; (4) the Students' Society will not sponsor a winter carnival this year; (5) cancellation of the proposed typesetting renovations; (6) a reduction in the Union budget, possibly involving curtailment or revamping of cafeteria services.

If implemented by Council, these measures would, said Drager, bring the Students' Society up from \$11,950 in assets to \$70,000. "This would give next year's Council at least something to work with," he said.

Drager said that there are possibilities for future aid from the administration and the Quebec government but "this help should be weighed against possible loss of the Students' Society's autonomy." In connection with outside help, Drager noted that the largest financial burden on the Students' Society is the sum required to run the Union (\$134,195). The administration now pays for the Union's heating and lighting.

In the question and answer period that followed Drager's presentation, ASUS President Michel Celemenski said that Drager was "calling into question the whole existence of the Students' Society" and called his figures "superficial." Drager said his figures are those of the Students' Society's auditors.

Drager defended the proposed faculty grants of \$55,000, saying that they are "necessary for the Students' Society's unity."

In other business, Internal Vice-President Mark Bernier entered as a motion a letter from Building Manager Frank Costi which requested that "no demonstration of any kind shall take place (in the Union) unless duly authorized by myself." This request is, according to Bernier, directed toward groups such as the McGill Student Movement and the Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Movement who, he said, hold "disruptive" rallies in the main foyer of the Union. Council passed this motion.

Council ratified the executive appointments of Law representative Henry Coopersmith as finance director, engineering representative David Miller as executive applications director, engineering representative Don Schreiber as clubs and societies director, Paul Miller as assistant to the internal vice-president, and the members of a cafeteria and bookstore committee.

Prior to ratification, arts and science representative Will Hoffman said, "it is unfair that is not a session of open nominations for

these positions." He said that councillors should be able to apply for these positions instead of being personally selected by the executive. Hoffman also questioned the validity of "someone not elected by the student body, acting in the continued on page 2



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Daily photo by Richard Blackwell

A wine and cheese party held yesterday by the McGill Student Physics Society.

DAILY MEETING

Had you fooled on Monday?
This one is for real. Staff
meeting today at 4:00.

Political group denied status

by Sunny Narod

The McGill Young Socialists has not received status as a club on the grounds that they are a political organization.

Don Tapscott, a spokesman for the Young Socialists said that three months ago Mark Bernier, Internal Vice-President of the Students' Society, informed them that their status had been revoked and would not be reinstated until they submitted a new constitution for Council's ratification.

A revised constitution was submitted to Bernier, but has never been brought up at a council meeting. Bernier claims to have attempted to bring this matter to council two or three times "but there were always too many other things on the agenda and we could never get around to it."

Bernier finally passed the matter over to the constitutions committee, chaired by Bennett Little, which in

turn rejected the Young Socialists' constitution as "unconstitutional."

Tapscott claims that this action was taken "because we are a political group with stated political goals." Little told Tapscott, "I'd like to see you guys get kicked off campus."

Bernier said that whether or not Little has the power to decide the issue is questionable. "The powers and duties of the Chairman of the Constitutions Committee have not been described, to my knowledge." He also admitted that the provision in the Students' Society constitution which forbids political groups from obtaining status as clubs was revoked a few years ago.

Bernier said, "I don't think that the Students' Society should support political organizations — that's a personal decision each student should make for himself."

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Information centre opens

by Don Spencer

For the past two weeks students have been able to get free information on any facet of McGill and on practically any other subject at the new Student Information Centre in the Union.

Sponsored jointly by the administration and the Students' Society, the centre's paid staff of eight has been dispensing information on such diverse subjects as legal aid, the Metro, campus tours, VD and family planning, youth hostels, snow shoeing, and student housing.

The centre, open from 11-3 daily, works as a clearing house for many campus and city organizations and services. It provides free telephone service along with a vast assortment of free pamphlets, flyers and maps.

Student coordinator Arthur Silber reports that the centre has received a considerable amount of use, including many queries from students at other Montreal universities. He urges students "to come and exploit the centre."

Funding for the Information Centre has been the topic of some debate in the Student Council recently. Questions were raised about the necessity of salaries for staffers and about the duplication of existing campus services.

A budget of \$4,390.00 for the centre was passed at the October 31st Council meeting; half of it will be paid by the administration.

It was argued during the meeting that a previous Information Centre had been staffed entirely by

volunteers and that other referral services on campus such as the Legal Aid office are presently staffed by volunteers. It also suggested that council was setting a dangerous precedent by voting to pay for information and students' salaries.

The centre was also criticized for duplicating existing services at McGill such as the "Today" and "What's What" columns in the Daily and the Dean of Students office.

Proponents of the centre on council replied by pointing out that there was a legitimate need for a centre to coordinate the dissemination of information on campus and that the expenses were necessary for the best possible services.

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He said he resents the idea that these clubs may claim the right to ask for finances, and can use Students' Society funds to rent rooms for political rallies. He stated that "no political groups should be permitted club status — if you support one, you must support them all."

He also said, "I don't think that Students' Society should support religious clubs either." He cited

such groups as the Christian Fellowship Club and the Baha'i Club.

Tapscott told the Daily that Little's decision constitutes a precedent which threatens the existence of any club that can be defined as "political"; such as the Progressive Conservative, the Young Liberals, and the Chile Solidarity Committee.

He said the definition could be stretched to include other groups such as Gay McGill or the International Students Associa-

tion if Little was so inclined. The Morgentaler Defence Committee, which has submitted a constitution, may also be threatened.

"I think that this represents an attack on the democratic right of students to organize politically and express their views — a right that was won over many years and exists on every other campus across the country," Tapscott said.

"It is also not just an attack on McGill Young Socialists" — he said, — "if Little can succeed in preventing the Young Socialists from existing as a club because it is political, he would be able to move against any other campus club that can be defined as political."

Tapscott concluded, "This is a part of an assault which is the latest of an on-going series of attacks against any students who are fighting for change in McGill or in society as a whole. We won't accept it and we intend to fight it, and if council attempts to prevent Young Socialists' club status, we ask all campus clubs, groups, and individuals to support our fight, regardless of their different views."

Council...

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capacity of internal vice-president." Bernier said that there were precedents for his appointment of an assistant.

Council established that nominations for candidates to Council will close on November 23 at 4 p.m. Elections will be held on December 5.

The final order of business was faculty and residence grants, and some clubs and activities budgets. Most of these were passed without alteration. (For a detailed list, see tomorrow's Daily.)

The meeting adjourned with the Daily budget, incorporation by-laws, constitutions, motion to rescind the day care grant, and lifting the ban from one Radio McGill member still on the agenda.

Students petition against Chile recognition

(CUP) — A petition objecting to Canada's recognition of Chile is circulating at Queen's.

A group of students have become aware of the situation in Chile and Canada's non-opposition to it and hope to make a larger body of people aware.

The main purpose of the petition is to challenge the position of the federal government and induce awareness in Canadians of the

problems of Chile.

The petition stipulates that Canada withdraw recognition of the military regime (junta) as the legal government, cut off export aid, and oppose the making of loans to the regime by the World Bank and the World Monetary authorities.

It also calls for the help of the United Nations and other countries for those seeking political asylum from Chile.

TALENT NIGHT

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classifieds

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FORSALE

Lady's brown leather boots, crepe sole, Size 9, \$20. If interested, Union, Rm. B-48 9-5.

Furniture for sale: chairs, tables, beds, stereo, birds with cage etc. Apartment for rent on Esplanade - 5 1/2' heated, \$110. by month. Call 966-3246.

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Stereo record player \$40, AMFM radio \$10, steam iron \$8, toaster \$5, tennis racket \$18, squash \$12, Karate uniform (3) \$8, humidifier \$4, expanders \$4, skates (8) \$6, swords \$5, curtains \$4, backpack \$3. 3534 Alymer, #3.

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Wanted: Mature female student to share apartment. Call Marcia (evenings) Te. 843-8643.

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ENTERTAINMENT

M.F.S. Saturday night — November 24 — 7:00 & 9:30 — Leacock 132 — MARAT — SADE (G.B. 1966) — 75 cents — need we say more? Call us at 392-8934.

Begin by being basically bored but blasted by Bogey's bombastic best: The Maltese Falcon. Union Ballroom 25c. 12:30 p.m., Nov. 22. Thursday Theatre.

Media McGill presents MARJOE on Thursday, Nov. 22 in Frank Dawson A.Jams Auditorium. Showings 6:30/8:30/10:30 p.m. Admission \$1.00. Catch his act!

PERSONAL

Problem? Feel you need to rap with a rabbi? Call Israel Housman 341-3580.

WANTED

WANTED 16mm projector. Call 845-7279, 9-5 p.m.

Three topless hostesses for the evening of Nov. 24th. 5 dollars/hour. Strictly used for serving drinks and refreshments only; call Sonya 489-2283.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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LEAN AND HUNGRY / BY GEORGE KOPP

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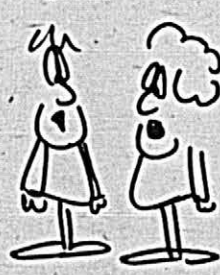
DON'T THEY READ THEIR PAPERS? IT'S ALL THERE IN BLACK AND RED.

IT'S NEWS TO COUNCIL.

THEY ONLY READ WHAT SOMEONE ELSE CAN EXPLAIN TO THEM. BUT WHAT WAS THE DAILY CRISIS ABOUT? WASN'T IT ABOUT THE STUDENTS' SOCIETY FINANCIAL CRISIS?

NO! IT WAS ABOUT SOUND FISCAL MANAGEMENT. THERE WAS NO CRISIS UNTIL LAST NIGHT. HOW COULD A CRISIS ORIGINATE OVERNIGHT? THEY'VE HAD BUDGET PROPOSALS SINCE AUGUST.

THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH FINANCE. THOSE WHO UNDERSTAND IT CAN PUT ANYTHING OVER ON THOSE WHO DON'T. THEY MIGHT EVEN BE TELLING THE TRUTH. NO WAY. THEY'RE EITHER LYING ABOUT THE CRISIS OR LYING ABOUT BEING ABLE TO UNDERSTAND FINANCE.



what's what

JAZZ SOCIETY

Meeting every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. in Union basement. Drummers and bass players warmly invited. For information and instrument transport, contact Paul Halley, phone: 487-3526.

PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS' UNION

Beer Bash on Friday evening, November 23, starting at 9 p.m. Live music will be provided. Beer costs \$1 for 3. All psych students are cordially invited, but for heaven's sake, "leave your rats at home." Shake off the exam-time blues with a pint or two.

ARTS INTRAMURAL HOCKEY TEAM

Players needed, dead or alive or in-between, for the "B" squad. One kindly young coach for the "A" team. Contact Uncle James. Information: 486-0592.

POLITICAL SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATES

I am interested in compiling your attitudes on the quality of the course offerings and teaching personnel in the political science department. Specifically, which undergraduate courses have you found to be the most enlightening/useless? Which professors have proven to be the most/least competent and effective? What new courses would you like to see offered in 1974-75? Leave all comments in the P.S.A. mailbox in L434 addressed to "Glasberg — undergraduate representative."

CHINESE STUDENTS' SOCIETY

Due to a mixup at the film company, the film *Mother and Daughter* will be shown instead of *Four Moods*. Place, time, date and price still the same.

MCGILL PLAYERS' CLUB

The McGill Players' Club proudly announces that auditions for *The Lion in Winter* by James

Goldman will be held at the Union from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the following days: Monday, November 26 in B23-24; Tuesday, November 27 in 457-458, and Wednesday, November 28 in B23-24. This is our second major production of the season and we need help with every aspect of it. If you are unable to make the above times, phone 392-8924 for an appointment. Also, don't forget our open general meeting on Friday.

BRIDGE CLUB CHAMPAGNE NIGHT

Because of our success, we will hold a special duplicate game on Tuesday, November 27 at 6:45. The winners at this game will receive a bottle of champagne. There will also be a runner-up prize, to be announced. We need a good turnout so bring all your friends that play bridge. We will teach those who have never played duplicate before. Cost: 75 cents, non-members; 50 cents, members. Information: Howard 481-9122; Robert 488-3085.

FILM SOCIETY

Don't miss Friday's presentation of "Adrift." (Czech/USA; 1968; Jan Kadar) A masterpiece of Czech film-making. Engineering S-T; November 23, 7 and 9:30 p.m., FDAA. Only 50 cents.

FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY

Concert tonight featuring Marc Nerenberg and his incredible banjo. Dave Mackenzie will play guitar, sing his own songs as well as others. Come and enjoy yourselves.

RADIO MCGILL

Radio McGill will present at 12 noon an analysis of the recent events in Greece. The program was produced by a group representing Greek students in Montreal Universities. The program can be heard on campus speaker locations.

PRE-MED SOCIETY

Dr. J. Darragh, Associate Dean (Admissions) will present a talk on "Medical Admissions at McGill", on Monday November 26 at 1 p.m. in the Francis Seminar room (reached via the 3rd floor Medical library) in the McIntyre Building. All future Medical School applicants are welcome. Question and answer period will follow. Also the

film series continues this Thursday in the Martin Theatre in McIntyre 6th floor. You can enter through the 5th floor cafeteria. Members and guests welcome. Come up to Union 413 and join the Society. Membership fee \$1.

ALSC

The African Liberation Support Committee is presenting Joaquin Da Luz and Tony Gonsalves to speak on the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, Saturday, November 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Leacock 219.

ENGLISH FILM AND INFORMATION

There will be a meeting of all film and communications people in the English Department, Thursday, 12-2 p.m., in Arts B20. Coffee and biscuits will be served.

MCGILL PLAYERS' CLUB

The executive of the McGill Players' Club announces a general open meeting of the club to be held Friday, November 23 at 12 p.m. in the theatre offices on the 3rd floor of the Union. Anyone who is interested in any aspect of theatrical production is urged to attend. We have the facilities and the funds to aid set, lighting, and costume designers; producers, directors and actors; people with business and public relations talent. We want to provide McGill with a complete theatrical season. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Come to the open meeting, or contact us anytime at 392-8924 or 8989.

STUDENTS' INTERNATIONAL MEDITATION SOCIETY

We will be presenting a film of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi giving an introductory lecture on transcendental meditation and the science of creative intelligence, Thursday November 22 in Leacock 116 at 8 p.m. This showing is open to all McGill students free of charge. Telephone 285-1298 for more information.

ISA LUNCHTIME ENTERTAINMENT

ISA continues its lunchtime entertainment on Fridays with the introduction of an International Film Series. Films on Greece and Spain will be presented between 12 noon and 2 p.m. on Friday, November 23 in ISA lounge, B 40 in the Union. For more information call Jamalor Choo Wai at 392-8940.

PLAYGROUND

English Department Drama Programme will present Playground, a week of student plays, Monday, November 26 - Saturday, December 1, 8 p.m. nightly in Moyse Hall, Arts building. ADMISSION FREE. Monday and Thursday: Chamber Music by Arthur Kopit and Box and Quotations from Mao Tse-Tung by Edward Albee. Tuesday and Friday: A Chronicle of the Wars and Intrigues between the Neighbouring Kingdoms of Hero and Boa with Sundry Romances, Songs and Low Humour: a Three-Act Tragicomedy in the Modern Epic Mode by Don Woticky. Home Free by Lanford Wilson and The Care and Feeding of Monuments by Adam and Alison Gopnik. Wednesday and Saturday: The First Day by Myron Welik and The Hunt by Robert Downing.

ISLAMIC SOCIETY

Friday Prayer at 1:15 p.m., Khutbah by M.A. Khadim, Union 457. Information: 392-5197.

today

The Daily's Today column provides free space for campus organizations and individuals to announce events occurring on the day the announcement is to appear in the paper. Announcements for profit-making ventures will not be run.

Warehouse Theatre Presents:

Green Julia by Paul Ableman, 8:30 p.m. Sandwich Theatre, Union. Admission free/contributions appreciated.

English Department:

McGill English department presents Leonard Boyle, O.P., paleographer, Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Toronto. Father Boyle will speak on "The Transmission of Texts in Mediaeval Europe" at 4 p.m. in L226.

Thursday Theatre:

MFS's Thursday Theatre presentation The Maltese Falcon with Humphry Bogart. 12:30 noon in the Union ballroom. Don't miss a bargain at 25 cents.

Christian Science Organization: -

Join us today at our weekly testimony meeting. In Union 124, at 5:45 p.m.

Caribbean Students:

Discussion on "The Arts of the Caribbean", 7:30 p.m. in B23/24 of the Union. Please try to attend — and bring your ideas. Professor L. Elliot from the Department of English, McGill will head the discussion.

McGill Pre-Med Society:

Film today. 1 p.m. Charles F. Martin Lecture Theatre, 6th floor McIntyre.

English Film and Communications:

There will be a meeting of all film and communications people in the English Department. 12-2 p.m. in Arts B-20.

Anthropology Students Association:

Meeting L738, 12:30 p.m., to discuss budget, social functions and the film and speakers programs. All anthropology students welcome.

Debating Union:

Carmelita Hinton, former Red Guard, on Contemporary China, 8 p.m. L219.

AIESEC Forms:

The deadline is drawing near for all AIESEC members to submit their application for summer employment abroad. The deadline is November 30. Don't miss it. Come to the AIESEC office in the Union, room 411, for the forms. New members welcome.

McGill Progressive Conservative Association:

Meeting, all invited. 3 p.m., L114.

Golem Coffee House:

Bill Russell, Cajun Folk Music, 9 p.m., 3460 Stanley St., 845-9171.

Bahai Club:

Open Meeting. Everybody welcome. All Bahai's please attend. Lunch and business. 12 to 2 p.m., Union 124.

Centre for Developing Area Studies:

A meeting will be held at the Centre, 3437 Peel Street, 2nd floor lounge. Subject: "Haiti impressions from a recent sojourn at a socio-economic research project". Speaker: Chris Girault et al. 12:15 p.m.

Association of Arab Students:

General meeting to recruit new members. Union B27, 7:30 p.m. Information: 392-5197.

Editorial

Council plays unfunny games

SOME STUDENT COUNCILLORS would call last night's council meeting, like the ones that preceded it this year, a "circus." Yet, it was not very amusing. Rather, it was as before, undemocratic.

In his opening remarks, the chairman-president dramatically warned Council of the dire state of the Students' Society's fast depleting coffers. Didn't he know the financial status of the Society before now? He's been working on budgets since summer.

Councillors weren't terribly concerned with the chairman's plea as they quickly and magnanimously doled out large sums in faculty grants a couple of hours later. They were not interested in knowing the context within which the money was being spent. Perhaps they were more concerned with decentralization of the Students' Society and returning with glowing cheeks and sparkling eyes to their faculties, knowing that they had helped get money for one more party or dinner with businessmen.

Chairman Drager himself suggested ways in which money could be saved. Renovations promised to the society's typesetting operation could be cut out, he said. Is he unconcerned with the lives of the people who work there? There shop is located in the Union garage and they have been breathing carbon-monoxide since August.

Instead of scrapping vital parts of the Society's budget such as air for its employees, he should be more concerned with the money spent without thought on speakers-not-yet-existent and a newspaper-to-be-published sometime and stereos and Christmas parties. All of which were passed with little question.

Besides, until now, the executive had no idea of the money owed to them by the administration. Oh, but it doesn't like to demand things from its friends in the F. Cyril James building. According to Drager, it's better to ask in a soft voice than to demand in a loud voice.

Executive positions were rammed through last night in an equally thoughtless manner. They were passed en masse after an abbreviated debate. Council was not in favour of examining each candidate separately, nor was it concerned that the positions had not been opened up to anyone but friends of the executive.

The past finance director, who resigned a short time ago because he had no time for the position, is now clubs and societies director.

Time seems to be a factor in another appointment. Mark Bernier, internal vice-president, doesn't have time to do his job. Most of the clubs in the Union will testify to that. Did people elect the assistant Council passed for Bernier last night, or did they elect Bernier? If he doesn't do his job he should resign.

Council meetings can be run in different ways depending on the council. It is obvious to those who have attended this year, that there has been little concern with democratic procedure.

Joan Mandell



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Beyond these technical points, there is the problem of student councils' constant interference in the operation of student newspapers.

Can any group of student politicians be so insecure, so ignorant that they are intolerant of criticism? And where does the high-and-mighty attitude come from which says student response to the paper is "low" when there isn't one student newspaper in Canada we know of that doesn't have a circulation at least double that of the voter turnout during any student council election.

Until student politicians are elected by such overwhelming mandates, we would urge them to consider the valuable role a student newspaper can serve as the official opposition to any student society and, perhaps, even to the existence of that society.

Having said that, we realize that the charge we don't understand the circumstances will be levelled at us.

For that reason, we wish to digress slightly on the current state of The Ubysey, a paper which has found its financing attacked by student council in the past.

Last year, we were cut to two issues a week from the three the year before, and at one point there was a move to cut us to only one issue a week.

This year council has come to its senses and apparently realized the position we have put forward. We also believe their view was mitigated by a fall referendum in which students indicated they prefer to read the paper three times a week.

In any case, the Alma Mater Society council approved a \$35,000 grant to The Ubysey. We will publish three times a week with a 35-per-cent advertising content, using such frills as photography, telex, telephones, paper clips the CUP report.

Before the uninformed begin touting the obvious "wealth" of UBC students, we would point out that our grant represents almost half the money the student society has for discretionary allotments this year.

Given all this, we would urge the McGill student council to reconsider its action of strangling the Daily's operation. Council should instead grant the paper the money it needs.

Vaughn Palmer, Michael Sasges
co-editors, The Ubysey

Pooh on Daily

To the editor:

Well, it looks like you might have finally got what you wanted. Of course to get it, you plastered your pages with pro-Daily articles and letters. Where was the opposing view — was there none?

We particularly deplore the use of a picture on the front page of Wednesday's Daily that must have been taken at a rally during the maintenance workers' strike or during the Middle East war. You

showed poor taste in trying to fool the students into thinking that it was a pro-Daily rally.

Most of our friends feel that the Daily stinks. The only reason we look at it is that there is nothing else to read (except faculty newspapers when they are printed)! Why don't you give in-depth reports of types of activities open to McGill students? You could do your bit to stamp out student apathy meanwhile — pooh on you!

Richard Simon,
Management E2

Danilo Perunovic,

Industrial Relations U1

More Pooh on Daily

To the editor:

How can you possibly justify the claims made for the subsidy from Students' Council which you demand? Proper journalism should represent both (or more) sides of an issue, while in your editorials and in the letters to the editor you seem to only support your personal convictions (e.g.: Wednesday's Daily).

You also cite the fact that you collected 1,557 signatures in two and a half days of petitioning. Infer that the issues were unclear, extenuated by your confusing (and contradictory) articles concerning budget cuts.

Possibly, if you stopped overshadowing your clear insight into true interpretations of campus and extracollegiate events with opinionated left-wing views, you wouldn't alienate so many students.

Donald Gravenor,
Science E2

Well, before we save the world...

To the editor:

The revival of the administration's activities to become a construction company extraordinaire with a university as density capital of the world, has struck a few poignant questions to wit.

What will be ripped down to provide room for this project, and what will the artistic quality of the 'houses' be like?

At McGill of late, many beautiful old buildings have disappeared... for the reason of not having a functional feasibility? (Have our administrators forgotten or not heard of the trend of learned educators/administrators to cry out for the end of Grand Canyon classrooms and lecture halls, and to come back to a more natural arena for learning and true education?)

Need I remind old 'Back Door' fans of the functionality of the Prince of Wales Terrace. Its successor, the SBB, has been criticised by well-known sources as an appalling 'bit of architectural junk'. And what about the devastated area along University Street — to clear the way for another Physics building. The rumblings of conspiracy were felt and met with great opposition from faculty and students last year...the McGill administration has eased up somewhat on its unabashed policy of smashing down Morrice Hall in just the last few weeks; but then again, what does this mean?

So why should the students at McGill be shocked as more landmarks are slated for the wrecker's ball (you must have seen it working on University and Sherbrooke last week). Why should one feel in the least bit offended to see another heap of rubble near, on, or off campus (such as the Van Horne Mansion)? As these fine buildings, still quite capable of modern and efficient use, fall in dust, the student-faculty apathy of this university leaves an easy path for McGill's administration policy to follow this policy of destruction.

Certainly, we need revised facilities, new dorms, new this, new that...but that is no excuse to destroy what has made McGill a campus university. Every inch of land is slowly being built upon. (They'd build a new 'something-or-other' building on lower campus, if they could do it and not make it look too obvious). We need the cultural mix of life to enlighten us, and the architectural mix to remind us as well as complement the new, growing environment.

Will these new dorms be kept as they "weren't" in the present residences? Will they have an artistic and aesthetic quality that will ease and relax the homesick and hardworked student in his lonely hours? Will they be liveable (given 'normal' human conditions)? Will they be that valuable to students who do and don't benefit from these new buildings, to be able to feel satisfied that the building now lost to them, was worth the sacrifice?

Redpath Hall, Morrice Hall, the Old Physics Building, RVC — can you be satisfied seeing these and other like edifices replaced by pseudo-modern-progressive concrete tower blocks, fourteen (& higher) stories up...not only obscuring your sight of the mountain and sky, but of reality and natural living as well?

Many buildings have been smashed down for the excuse of 'progress', making way for vacant lots, rubble heaps, parking lots, and 'monstrosity-atrocities'. Yet can and should this go on any longer? The answers are up to the citizens — the ones who do not benefit from the fat profits and pay-offs that the 'developers' and city/provincial officials rake off. This kind of 'progress' will be the death of our society — what there is left of it that's of any value.

I propose support of groups that are trying to preserve what's left of our city, and that the community of McGill support them to the hilt...this would be to our advantage to do so...Contrary to some writers in this paper, and their proposals of changing the world's administrations-governments, I suggest more effort to change within our own system of administration and governments (a more realistic and relevant scale). P.S. Then we can work on the world after all is accomplished at home.

Laura F. MacLellan

Letters

U.B.C. paper attacks intransigent councils

Archytrave rhymes a reply

To the editor:

What say you, Anthony of Anatomy?
If defending Morrice makes me

an ass
Because the architecture is phony
and in places, crass
How are you to defend your

position
salvaging that fleshy edifice of
phoniness, imperfection and
perdition—

That structure you call Homq Sap?
For certain, with Oxford we can't

compare
this campus, but let's be fair—
Most of North America, her people,
her education

Are also no more than simple
imitation
[and a ruddy botched up job of it at
that].

But I'd rather light one candle
than curse the darkness

So hold up a candle to the

Morrice, Boris,
If it doesn't burn down, we may

rest—
The fucking place has passed

the test.
—Archytrave

To the editor:

It is with great regret that we learn that the McGill university student council has chosen to cut in half the operations subsidy of the McGill Daily.

The logic of this move escapes us since regardless of anyone's personal opinion of the Daily's quality — in our opinion well above standard — it is ludicrous to expect the paper to improve by slashing its budget.

Surely anyone can realize that without photography or any of the other so-called frills which make a paper visually pleasing it is difficult to produce anything but a boring "grey-sheet".

We also wonder at the head-in-the-sand attitude of a council which cuts off any contact with students at other Canadian universities through the medium of the Canadian University Press.

The alternative, reducing the frequency of production of the Daily, would be an insult to a tradition — the daily publication of a newspaper which many past McGill students have considered valuable.

Protests must go on after abortion victory

by Elwyn Morris

of the Committee for the Defence of Dr. Morgentaler

A major victory has been won for Canadian women with the acquittal last week of the leading fighter for abortion law repeal, Dr. Henry Morgentaler. On trial in Montreal since October 18 on the first of 13 charges of performing abortions, he was acquitted by a francophone jury on November 13, after a historic defence on the grounds of medical, psychological and socio-economic necessity.

The voice of the people

The jury's unanimous decision represents "a revolt of the people against a hypocritical and unworkable law," in the words of defence lawyer Claude-Armand Sheppard.

The jury had been reminded by the judge that they should disregard "public opinion"; however, it is obvious that the shift in public opinion in the past few years must have affected the decision. It is hard to imagine a Quebec jury, even five years ago, acquitting someone who proudly told the court that he had performed not one but between 6,000 and 7,000 abortions. The jury's clear sighted verdict is even more significant when one realizes that only one woman served on the 12 member panel.

The reasons for this opinion change are many, but the active campaign for repeal of the abortion laws over the past few years has been a major factor. Since the 1970 Cross-Canada Abortion Caravan, which ended with dumping a coffin on the Trudeau's front lawn, the campaign has intensified, gaining wide media publicity. Dr. Morgentaler himself has been an eloquent defender of a woman's right to choose, having submitted a brief for abortion-on-demand to the federal government in 1967. When he was arrested, defence committees sprang up in major cities across Canada. Well-known individuals, M.D.'s, organizations and trade unions gave their support, and thousands rallied to the struggle for the defence of Dr. Morgentaler.

Another factor in the change in public opinion has been the growing awareness of Women's Liberation issues, both through the proliferation of groups and through almost daily coverage by the news media. Since the first right to be won is control over one's own body, feminists have fought for repeal of abortion laws. Canadian women have been inspired by recent precedents in the U.S., culminating in the January 1973 Supreme Court decision that abortion is a matter between a woman and her doctor. The knowledge that abortion is legal over the border may also have influenced the Morgentaler jury.

Dangers of complacency

Because there is a clear trend in western industrialized countries towards liberalization of abortion laws, a common reaction is to sit back with the thought, "It's only a matter of time before they repeal the laws." Liberal-minded Canadians tend to think that such a patently-absurd law, lagging behind the U.S. and Britain, and opposed by a majority of the people, will automatically be changed by the legislators, especially now that Dr. Morgentaler has been acquitted and is back at work in his clinic.

Unfortunately, there is no room for complacency. The acquittal sets a historic precedent; it is an important victory; but it is only the first step. The law remains unchanged, and any doctor can still be charged under it; on November 19 the government proceeded with the prosecution of another competent, highly respected abortionist, Dr. Yvon Macchabee; and the Morgentaler prosecution has already filed an appeal against the verdict.

The legal situation

The defence in the Morgentaler case rested on an unprecedented use of Article 45 of the Criminal Code, which reads under the heading "Surgical Operations":

"Everyone is protected from criminal responsibility for performing a surgical operation upon any person for the benefit of that person if (a) the operation is performed with reasonable care and skill and (b) it is reasonable to perform the operation, having regard to the state of health of the person at the time the operation is performed and to all

the circumstances of the case."

Associate Chief Justice James Hugessen (formerly a law professor at McGill) told the jury that "reasonable doubt" had to exist in all the elements of Article 45 for the defence to hold. The "circumstances of the case", he said, applied to all the evidence they had heard in the case. (This included evidence that Dr. Morgentaler was a member in good standing of the Quebec College of Physicians and Surgeons since 1955 and that his work and reputation are excellent.) In agreeing that there was "reasonable doubt" that Dr. Morgentaler had done anything criminal, the jury were in fact accepting that the medical necessity of the operation superseded Criminal Code articles 221 and 251 on abortion.

Naturally, Crown Prosecutor Louis Robichaud claims that Article 45 does not apply, and the appeal has been launched on this basis.

Defence lawyer Sheppard has stated "I don't think the common sense of the people will change just because of technical points of law." But the fact remains that neither the Appeals Court nor the Supreme Court has a jury.

Thus the campaign to repeal the abortion laws must go on; the most conservative and chauvinist elements of our society must not get a chance to reverse the verdict of the people, as represented by the jury. If efforts to repeal the law are intensified, there is every hope that the law can be changed by the time final appeals in the Morgentaler case are finished.

If it isn't, any doctor can still be charged — and will be — as we see in the prosecution of Dr. Macchabee in Montreal, only six days after Dr. Morgentaler's acquittal. There is always the danger that even an acquittal could be reversed later on; under pressure from the Right-to-Lifers, an anti-abortion group, the government is determined, despite public opinion, to harass and convict well-qualified doctors who are serving women and society a humane and necessary social function by practising abortions.

The growing support for removing abortion from the criminal code has stimulated anti-abortion groups in both the U.S. and Canada to well-financed and organized actions. Horrifying and misleading pictures are used by many of these groups to back up emotional appeals.

Need for clinics

Apart from appealing the abortion laws, we must also fight for the establishment of government-supported clinics. Otherwise, the appalling situation of poor and welfare women remains unchanged. With too few hospitals performing abortions at all, and those few using outdated methods, requiring hospital beds, the waiting list is so long that many women cannot get appointments until after the 12-week safe period for abortion.

Apart from the unnecessary mental trauma and physical pain that is involved, the women who need free abortions the most are those who have the most difficulty obtaining them. Rural and poor women tend not to know the gynecologists with the right hospital connections to rubberstamp their applications. If clinics were legalized, abortions would be covered by medicare, and women who cannot afford the average cost of \$200 plus travel expenses would be able to obtain abortions.

An anomaly that points to the ridiculousness of the law is that the Canadian medicare allowance for a "therapeutic abortion" in New York is \$65, but this cannot be paid to a woman using a Canadian clinic.

Support us

The Morgentaler trial has brought the issue of abortion before the public; this opportunity should be seized to activate the mass support which exists. Both the Montreal Star and the Gazette have taken a strong editorial stand for the repeal of abortion laws. The Gazette of November 15 called Dr. Morgentaler someone who has "saved the lives of many women and greatly reduced human suffering."

This Saturday there will be a support rally from 1 to 4 p.m. in Leacock 26. Dr. Morgentaler and a noted feminist leader from Toronto will be the key speakers. The laws have not been repealed yet, and neither have the trials ceased. Come to the rally; support us and support yourself.



Dr. Henry Morgentaler with supporters during his trial

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Cautionary fee still undecided

Residence students discuss fee issues

by Robert Shepherd

The possibility of a second term fee increase, and the legality of a cautionary fee, have been under discussion recently in the residences.

The second term fee increase was found unnecessary but the status of the cautionary fee is still open.

These matters were brought up at a McConnell Hall meeting on Sunday night and will be discussed further at a meeting of the McConnell House Committee on Sunday, November 25th.

As a result of the McGill

Workers' strike a 15% salary increase for the porters and superintendents of the residences, amounting to \$5000, was instituted. This extra money had not been accounted for in this year's residence budget and Dr. Southin, residence director, considered an increase in the second term fees of students as a means of supplying the additional money. Southin put the fee increase at \$10-20.

Louis Bonomo, a McConnell resident, challenged the fee increase since it was not in the residence contract and would therefore not be legal. Dr. Southin

replied that the residence contract is not a true contract since, among other reasons, it does not state in full the services which students in the residence in fact receive.

The cautionary fee has also been an issue of controversy. This year, for the first time, "the \$50 room reservation deposit will double as a 'cautionary deposit' to be returned only after a student has left the residence and after all charges for which he/she is liable have been deducted" (residence handbook, p 10).

Mike Sweeny, another McConnell resident, found there was no mention of a cautionary fee, and that there was no stated way of assessing the damages which the cautionary fee would be used for, in the residence contract. Sweeny approached Legal Aid on the subjects of the fee increase and the cautionary fee. He was told that the legitimacy of both the increase and the cautionary fee was open to question.

Sweeny drew up and circulated in McConnell Hall a petition calling for a general meeting of McConnell residents. However, as the petition was being circulated, Dr. Southin told Sweeny that there would be no second term fee increase. Southin reviewed the books with Charles Rannels, his business manager, and decided that the increase would not be necessary. The residence complex derives its income from three sources: 1) student fees, which pay for 90% of the services provided to the students, 2) summer convention business, which brings in from \$50,000 to \$80,000 a year, and 3) catering, which earns \$1000 to \$2000 a month. Southin and Rannels decided that an increase in catering and summer service could make up the deficit, rather than increasing fees.

Sweeny also took issue with Southin on the matter of the cautionary fee. Sweeny pointed out that at the time most students had signed their residence contract, the \$50 deposit was to be applied to the second term fees. The fact that the \$50 was used as a cautionary fee was not told to the students before midsummer, when letters were sent out from Bishop Mountain Hall.

Southin pointed out that in the letter students were given the option of leaving residence before September without forfeiting the \$50.

Sweeny said that informing the students of this change on such short notice did not constitute positive mutual consent to alteration of the contract, and that the cautionary fee would therefore not be legal.

Southin agreed to make a statement about the cautionary fee at the Sunday night meeting.

About thirty people were present at the McConnell Hall meeting Sunday night. There were two points on the agenda: the second term fee increase and the

cautionary fee. Dr. Southin stated that there would be no increase in fees second term, but that there will be an increase in fees next year, probably in the neighbourhood of 10%.

Opening the discussion on the second point on the agenda, the president of the hall, Dave Round, stated that a cautionary fee would reduce damages in the residences.

Sweeny then maintained that no matter how strong its good points, the cautionary fee was of questionable legality.

At this point Dr. Southin stated that the residence contract is not a legal document, and was asked by

Sweeny if the cautionary fee was just.

To settle the issue, Round asked the students for their feelings on the cautionary fee. An overwhelming majority felt that the fee was not legitimate.

A discussion ensued on the cautionary fee. The major resolve at the end of the meeting was that the house committee of McConnell Hall, during its meeting on Sunday the 25th, is to consider some alternative proposals to the cautionary fee. The proposals resulting from that meeting will be put forth for approval by residence students.

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Women's basketball wins first two

by Ellen Einterz

McGill's women's basketball team has established itself as a major power in the QUAA by winning their first two league games of the year. In the season opener last Wednesday night, McGill demolished MacDonald-John Abbott College by a score of 67-27 and then on Saturday won a hard earned game from Universite Laval by a score of 65-55.

Against Mac-Jac, Sylvia Sweeney netted 25 points and grabbed 18 rebounds for McGill while Yolande Deschamps scored 20 and Judy Stafford made 55% of her attempts for 10 points.

The high point of the game for MacDonald was an early 5-4 lead. After that brief moment, McGill stopped being hospitable to the visitors and went on scoring sprees of 7 and 10 points each. Mac-Jac managed an odd point here and there, and ended the half trailing 27-15.

McGill opened the second half by scoring 12 points before the exasperated Mac-Jac squad was able to reply. They managed a haphazard ten points and watched McGill end the game with an uninterrupted string of seventeen points.

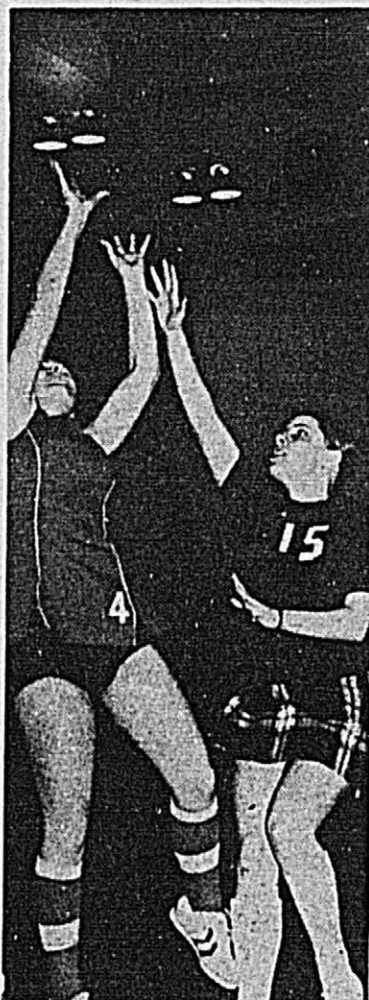
Sweeney was again the high scorer in the Laval game. She was

good for 28 points, 22 rebounds, and enthusiastic fan appreciation. The rest of McGill's scoring was more evenly divided than it had been against Mac-Jac as Yo Deschamps made 14, Louise Benoit and Jean MacDonnell each scored six, and Vicky Row netted five. Louise Benoit was also credited with four assists and 12 rebounds.

Laval proved to be a more worthy competitor than MacDonald, but they were still far from the standards McGill demands. McGill scored first and never lost the lead, although Laval did manage to threaten at one point. Midway through the first half, Laval overcame what had been an 11 point deficit and tied the game at 19-19. But McGill immediately regained their composure and scored seven quick points to quell the Laval outbreak. The half ended 39-26 in favour of the home team.

Both teams played good basketball during the second half as Laval outscored McGill 29-26. In spite of Laval's improved performance, they were unable to challenge for the lead. The big edge for McGill was in rebounds, where they led Laval 61-31.

Tomorrow night at 6 p.m., McGill will host SGWU in Currie Gym.



Daily photo by Harold Rosenberg

The women's basketball team opened its season last week with wins of 67-27 over Mac-Jac and 65-55 over Laval.

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